

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 NASSAU 00359 041855Z

12

ACTION ARA-10

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SCSE-00 SCA-01 L-03 DHA-02 H-02 AID-05

OMB-01 /025 W

----- 127859

R 041835Z MAR 76

FM AMEMBASSY NASSAU

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7903

UNCLAS NASSAU 0359

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR PINT PORG SHUM BF

SUBJ: HUMAN RIGHTS - BAHAMAS

REF: (A) STATE 04319 (B) NASSAU A-11, 2-6-75 (C) NASSAU 0295

1. AS REPORTED IN REF B, HUMAN RIGHTS HAVE IN THE PAST BEEN SCRUPULOUSLY AND CONSISTENTLY RESPECTED IN THE BAHAMAS. IN THE YEAR INTERVENING SINCE THAT REPORT WAS WRITTEN, SITUATION HAS CONTINUED LARGELY UNCHANGED AND IF ANYTHING IS EVEN MORE EXEMPLARY. BAHAMIAN JUDICIARY HAS SHOWN PUNCTILIOUS OBSERVANCE OF RIGHTS OF DEFENDANTS (I.E. SHOBEK CASE WITH WHICH DEPT. IS FAMILIAR AND HANTZ CASE - REF C). OPPOSITION PARTY, MINORITY FACTION OF RULING PLP, AND MEDIA CONTINUE TO SHOW NO RETICENCE IN CRITICIZING GOVERNMENT POLICIES AND ALLEGED MISDEEDS OF GOVERNMENT MEMBERS WHICH IS DONE WITHOUT FEAR OF INTIMIDATION AND RETRIBUTION (I.E. CHARGES AGAINST FORMER MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS, GOVERNMENT'S BUDGET, ETC.). POPULACE AT LARGE IS FREE TO TAKE EXCEPTION AND DEMONSTRATE PUBLICLY ON MORAL, POLITICAL, AND LABOR ISSUES (I.E. PROTEST MARCHERS AGAINST CAPITAL PUNISHMENT AND MINISTRY OF LABOR DECISIONS). LIKEWISE THE EMBASSY HAS YET TO PROVE EVEN ONE ACCUSATION OF MISTREATMENT BY AMERICANS IMPRISONED FOR CRIMES COMMITTED ON BAHAMIAN TERRITORY.

)

2. EMBASSY NOTES THAT GCOB WAS APPARENTLY INADVERTENTLY OMITTED FROM LIST OF ARA COUNTRIES RECEIVING DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE.

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 NASSAU 00359 041855Z

WEISS

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: HUMAN RIGHTS, REPORTS, POLITICAL SITUATION
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 04 MAR 1976
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: n/a
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 JAN 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976NASSAU00359
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760083-0980
From: NASSAU
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t19760395/aaaadfwk.tel
Line Count: 61
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION ARA
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 76 STATE 4319, 76 NASSAU A-11, 76 NASSAU 295
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: ShawDG
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 13 JUL 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <13 JUL 2004 by fisherem>; APPROVED <10 DEC 2004 by ShawDG>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: HUMAN RIGHTS - BAHAMAS
TAGS: PFOR, PINT, PORG, SHUM, BF
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006